



Whip Round Up

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Reid for Nevada

Reid Secures Millions to Improve Health Care and Education

- Using his seniority on the Senate Appropriations Committee, Senator Harry Reid worked to improve health care and education in Nevada by funding important projects including: \$1 million for the Nevada Cancer Institute for construction of a comprehensive cancer center; \$1 million for the UNLV School of Dental Medicine to purchase equipment for its clinic; \$500,000 for a new health sciences building at the Community College of Southern Nevada; and \$1 million for the UNR School of Medicine.

Reid Works to Boost Nevada's Economy, Homeland Security

- In the Appropriations bill that passed Congress this week, Reid also worked to include \$4.3 million for projects that will create jobs and boost the economy, and \$3 million to bolster law enforcement and public safety.

Working with Nevadans

- Members of the Nevada Statewide Coalition Partnership, who were in Washington D.C. with the Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America, attended the Welcome to Washington breakfast hosted by Senator Reid and Senator John Ensign.
- Presidential Classroom Students Sarah White of Fallon, Gina Luciano of Reno, Shigetatsu Miakashi of Mesquite, and Tommy Raffa of Reno visited Senator Reid.
- Senator Reid also met with mayors from three Nevada cities who were in Washington for the U. S. Conference of Mayors: Mayor Ray Masayko of Carson City, Mayor Oscar Goodman of Las Vegas, and Mayor Tony Armstrong of Sparks.



Senator Reid and Carson City Mayor Masayko talk about traffic and transportation problems in the Silver State's capital. Mayor Masayko presented Senator Reid with a commemorative silver coin minted to help raise money for the VNT railroad.

INSIDER'S CALENDAR

- The Senate will convene Monday, January 26, 2004, at 1 p.m. and resume consideration of H.R. 3108, the pension bill, under a unanimous consent agreement limiting amendments.
- No roll call votes will occur on Monday. Any votes on amendments to the pensions bill will occur on Tuesday.
- The Senate is expected to complete action on the pension bill next week, and is not expected to be in session on Thursday or Friday.

Week in Review



Reid's Words

"Instead of increasing Medicare payments to private insurance companies by \$14 billion over the next decade, we should focus on providing better health care for all Nevadans by cutting costs, improving the quality of care, and expanding coverage."

- **OMNIBUS SPENDING BILL CLEARS** - The \$820 Billion Omnibus spending package cleared the Senate on Thursday by a vote of 65 to 28. The measure combined seven different fiscal year spending bills in one massive conference report. Democrats blocked a vote on the measure on Tuesday to protest three provisions that had previously been rejected by both the House and Senate. The provisions, inserted at the behest of the White House, substantially narrowed the class of employees eligible for overtime pay; allowed for greater consolidation in television and radio ownership; and delayed the requirement to have country of origin labeling on food products. Democratic leaders pledged to reverse each of these provisions in the coming weeks.

- **REID VIEWS SPEECH FROM UNDISCLOSED LOCATION** - While the President delivered the State of the Union address on Tuesday, four members of Congress, including Senator Reid, were taken to undisclosed locations as part of enhanced security measures to ensure the continuity of the Congress in the event of a disaster. Senator Reid was joined by Senator Trent Lott and Congressmen Chris Cox and George Miller. The Members watched the President's address on television. It was the first time Senator Reid did not personally attend the State of the Union address since he was elected to the House 22 years ago.

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